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President: Mr. de Alba (Vice-President) ..... (Mexico)

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In the absence of Mr. Koterec (Slovakia), Mr. de Alba (Mexico), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11.45 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*)

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

Commission on Population and Development

1. **The President** noted that Oman had presented its candidature for one of the four vacancies in the Commission on Population and Development. In the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to elect Oman by acclamation for a term beginning with the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session in 2017.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council agreed to further postpone the election to the Commission on Population and Development of one member from among the Asia-Pacific States and one member from among the Latin American and Caribbean States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2016; and one member from among the African States, two members from among the Asia-Pacific States and one member from among the Eastern European States for terms beginning with the first meeting of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fiftieth session in 2017.

4. *It was so decided.*

Commission for Social Development

5. **The President** noted that El Salvador had been nominated by the Latin American and Caribbean States to fill a vacancy in the Commission for Social Development. He took it that the Council wished to elect El Salvador by acclamation for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2016.

6. *It was so decided.*

7. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Commission for Social Development of one member from among the Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013; two members from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2015 and fifty-fourth session in 2016, respectively; and one member from among the Asia-Pacific States, one member from among the Eastern European States and three members from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning with the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fifty-fifth session in 2017.

8. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination

9. **The President** noted that the Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidature of El Salvador to fill the remaining seat from among those States on the Committee for Programme and Coordination. Since there were no objections, he took it that the Council wished to nominate El Salvador for election to the Committee for Programme and Coordination by the General Assembly for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

10. *It was so decided.*

11. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the nomination to the Committee for Programme and Coordination, for election by the General Assembly, of five members from among the Western European and other States, four for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2014 and one for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

12. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

13. **The President** noted that Bangladesh had presented to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award its candidature for one of the three outstanding vacancies from among the Asia-Pacific States. Similarly, the Western European and other States had endorsed the candidature of Denmark to fill the remaining outstanding vacancy from among those

States. Since there were no other nominations, he took it that the Council wished to elect Bangladesh and Denmark by acclamation to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

14. *It was so decided.*

15. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates for election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, he took it that the Council agreed to further postpone the election of five members for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015, three from among the African States and two from among the Asia-Pacific States.

16. *It was so decided.*

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

17. **The President** invited the Council to elect a member of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS to fill the vacancy created by Canada's decision to relinquish its seat as from 1 January 2013. The Western European and other States had endorsed Australia to assume the vacated seat. He took it that the Council wished to elect Australia by acclamation for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2014.

18. *It was so decided.*

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (*continued*)

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session (A/67/39)

19. **The President** recalled that, at its substantive session in July 2012, the Council had been compelled to defer consideration of the report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its seventeenth session because the session had not yet concluded. He took it that the Council wished to take note of the report (A/67/39).

20. *It was so decided.*

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council (*continued*) (E/2012/79-A/67/93 and E/2012/80-A/67/94)

21. **The President** recalled that, at its substantive session in July 2012, the Council had been compelled to defer consideration of two reports of the Secretary-General because the Secretariat had needed more time to consult on inputs received from other United Nations offices before finalizing the documents. He took it that the Council wished to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (E/2012/79-A/67/93) and the report of the Secretary-General on the analysis of funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2010 (E/2012/80-A/67/94).

22. *It was so decided.*

Regional cooperation (*continued*) (E/2012/15/Add.3, E/2012/L.34, E/2012/L.35, E/2012/L.36 and E/2012/L.38)

Draft resolution E/2012/L.34: Venue of the thirty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

23. **The President** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

24. *Draft resolution E/2012/L.34 was adopted.*

Draft resolution E/2012/L.35: Establishment of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

25. **The President** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

26. *Draft resolution E/2012/L.35 was adopted.*

Draft resolution E/2012/L.36: Regional dimension of development in the Latin American and Caribbean Region

27. **The President** drew attention to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, entitled "Regional dimension of development in the Latin American and Caribbean region: Programme budget implications of draft resolution E/2012/L.36" (E/2012/L.38).

28. *Draft resolution E/2012/L.36 was adopted.*

29. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to take note of the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the

economic, social and related fields entitled "Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" (E/2012/15/Add.3*), having taken action on the draft resolutions contained therein that were relevant to its work.

30. *It was so decided.*

Economic and environmental questions (*continued*)

(b) Science and technology for development (*continued*) (E/2012/49/Add.1-A/67/66/Add.1)

31. **The President** recalled that the Council had examined the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (E/2012/49-A/67/66) at its substantive session in July 2012. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/184, in which the Assembly had requested the Secretary-General to include information on the outcome of the meeting on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, the Council had before it an addendum to that report containing the requested information (E/2012/49/Add.1-A/67/66/Add.1). He took it that the Council wished to take note of the addendum.

32. *It was so decided.*

(j) Cartography (*continued*) (E/2012/46-E/C.20/2012/12, E/2012/90 and E/2012/L.37)

33. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision entitled "Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its second session and provisional agenda and dates for the third session of the Committee", contained in chapter 1, section A, of the report on the second session of the Committee of Experts (E/2012/46-E/C.20/2012/12). The draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

34. *The draft decision was adopted.*

35. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to take note of the report on the second session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (E/2012/46-E/C.20/2012/12).

36. *It was so decided.*

37. **The President** drew attention to the draft decision entitled "Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on its twenty-seventh session, and the provisional agenda and dates for the twenty-eighth session", contained in chapter 1 of the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-seventh session (E/2012/90). the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

38. *The draft decision was adopted.*

39. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to take note of the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-seventh session (E/2012/90).

40. *It was so decided.*

Draft decision E/2012/L.37: Dates and venue for the tenth session of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

41. **The President** said that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

42. *Draft decision E/2012/L.37 was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.

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Provisional summary record of the 53rd meeting
Held at Headquarters, New York, on Thursday, 20 December 2012, at 3 p.m.

President: Mr. Percaya (Vice-President) ..... (Indonesia)

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In the absence of Mr. Koterec (Slovakia), Mr. Percaya (Indonesia), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2012/L.39)

Draft resolution E/2012/L.39: Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

1. **The President** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications and recalled that it had been circulated on the morning preceding the meeting. He took it that the Council wished to waive rule 54 of the rules of procedure in order not to delay its adoption.

2. *It was so decided.*

3. *Draft resolution E/2012/L.39 was adopted.*

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

4. **The President** invited the Council to elect, in accordance with the resolution just adopted and pursuant to Council resolution 2008/38, seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2013. Tunisia had been endorsed by the African States, Indonesia and Nepal by the Asia-Pacific States, Bulgaria by the Eastern European States and Denmark by the Western European and other States. Since the number of candidates from the African States, the Asia-Pacific States, the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for each of them, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

5. *It was so decided.*

6. **The President** recalled that only members of the Council could be elected to serve on the Organizational Committee. Since Denmark and Bulgaria would cease to be Council members at the end of 2013, the Council would need to hold elections from among the Eastern European States and the Western European and other States in 2013.

Commission for Social Development

7. **The President** noted that the Western European and other States had endorsed the candidacy of Austria to fill one of the remaining seats on the Commission for Social Development from among them. He took it that the Council wished to elect Austria by acclamation for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2015.

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Commission for Social Development of one member from among the Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013; one member from among the Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session in 2016; and one member from among the Asia-Pacific States, one member from among the Eastern European States and three members from among the Western European and other States for four-year terms beginning with the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session in 2013 and expiring at the close of its fifty-fifth session in 2017.

10. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

11. **The President** noted that the Western European and other States had endorsed Germany to fill the remaining vacancy from among them on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. He took it that the Council wished to elect Germany by acclamation for a term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development of one member from among the Asia-Pacific States and one member from among the Eastern European States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

14. *It was so decided.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

15. **The President** noted that the Asia-Pacific States had endorsed the candidacy of India to fill the remaining List B vacancy on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme. He took it that the Council wished to elect India by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

16. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

17. **The President** noted that Côte d'Ivoire had presented its candidacy to fill one of the three outstanding vacancies from among the African States on the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for African States. In the absence of other nominations, he took it that the Council wished to elect Côte d'Ivoire by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

18. *It was so decided.*

19. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for African States of two members from among the African States and two members from among the Asia-Pacific States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2015.

20. *It was so decided.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

21. **The President** noted that the Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidacies of Colombia and El Salvador to fill the two outstanding vacancies from among them on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT). Similarly, the Western European and other States had endorsed the candidacy of Spain to fill one of the outstanding vacancies from among them on the Governing Council. In the absence of other nominations, he took it that the Council wished to elect Colombia, El Salvador and Spain by acclamation for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

22. *It was so decided.*

23. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election to the Governing Council of UN-HABITAT of two members from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2012; two members from among the Eastern European States and one member from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2015; and two members from among the Eastern European States and four members from among the Western European and other States for terms beginning on 1 January 2013 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

24. *It was so decided.*

Economic and environmental questions (*continued*)

(j) Cartography (*continued*) (E/CONF.101/144)

25. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to take note of the report of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (E/CONF.101/144).

26. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.